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(C) Poloff joined with DCMs from the UK, German and French missions (and on behalf of the Italian embassy) to deliver ref demarche to MFA and the Ministry of Finance April 17.

MFA Director of Multilateral Cooperation Begum Taj said the request to support Kosovo's IMF membership posed no problem in principle, being a technical matter on which Finance had the lead. She promised to discuss the matter with counterparts at Finance to make a recommendation to more senior decision-makers. Ministry of Finance Permanent Secretary Ramadhani Khijjah also said he saw no problem with Kosovo's IMF membership as a financial matter and offered to discuss the political aspects with MFA. In an apparent reference to discussions of IMF governance reform, Khijjah added that the IMF should have many members to express their voices.

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